GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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WELFARE CENTRES FOR HANDICAPPED
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of centres for the welfare of the handicapped persons working in various States;

(b) the facilities being provided to the handicapped persons by the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation; and

(c) the details of the progress made by these corporations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) In addition to six National/Apex Institutes in the specific areas of disabilities,five Composite Rehabilitation Centres at Srinagar, Lucknow, Bhopal, Sundernagar and Guwahati, four Regional Rehabilitation Centres at Mohali,Cuttack, Jabalpur and Bareilly, eleven District Rehabilitation Centres atVijayawada, Bhiwani, Mysore, Bilaspur, Bhubaneswar, Kota, Chengalpatu,Sitapur and Midnapore and 74 District Disability Rehabilitation Centres(Andhra Pradesh-3, Arunachal Pradesh-2, Assam-3, Bihar-6, Chhattisgarh-1, Gujarat-5, Goa-1, Haryana-3, Himachal Pradesh-2, Jharkhand-2, Jammu andKashmir-1, Karnataka-5, Kerala-3, Meghalaya-1, Maharashtra-6, Madhya Pradesh-6, Nagaland-1, Punjab-3, Rajasthan-1, Sikkim-1, Tamilnadu-5, Uttar Pradesh-5, Uttaranchal-3, West Bengal-3) are functioning in the country for rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.

(b) & (c) The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation providesfinancial assistance as loan for taking up income generating activities. A sum of Rs.40.95 crore (including under Micro Finance Scheme) has been disbursed bythe Corporation since inception till 28th November, 2002.